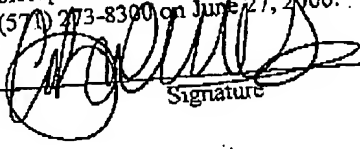


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. The Amendment is being filed with a request for a three-month extension of time, thereby making the due date for reply June 27, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 19 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.